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Student to pay for Stadium Apartment flood

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Sixteen UMD students living in the Stadium Apartments A-D wings were evacuated from their rooms on Thursday, March 26, after a resident on the top floor activated a sprinkler head that flooded areas of the complex.

Thousands of gallons of water leaked down throughout the D wing of the complex, after a student on the fourth floor neglected to follow the instructions of warning labels placed next to every sprinkler head, explaining to students that tampering with or placing objects on the device, has the potential to activate the system.

The avoidance of mold paired with the costs of repair will reach an estimated \$30,000 to \$40,000 when all is said and done, and the burden of paying the tab will fall into the lap of the student responsible for the incident, according to UMD Housing Director John Weiske.

"The student made a poor decision, and a lot of people are affected by it," he said. "Students need to believe what they read, and in this case, the student failed to do so."

University police Sgt. Tim LeGarde stated, in an e-mail, that it is unlikely that the university will pursue any charges against the student.

"It appears that the resident hung laundry on the sprinkler as a place of storage and it does not appear that his intent was to tamper with it or cause damage," LeGarde said. "There appears to have been no criminal intent, so no charges are going to be pursued."

After the apartments were inspected, contractors

determined that a lot of work needed to be done. They began their work late last week by replacing damaged drywall, fixing electrical wires that were damaged by the seeping water and replacing soggy carpeting.

Weiske said that they are concerned with issues of mold, and the problems it creates. If the rooms were exposed to mold, it would be nearly impossible for the students to return to their apartments for the remainder of the semester, and that is something Weiske wishes to avoid.

Incidents like this don't happen too often, Weiske said, but when they do, UMD always keeps the concerns of student in mind.

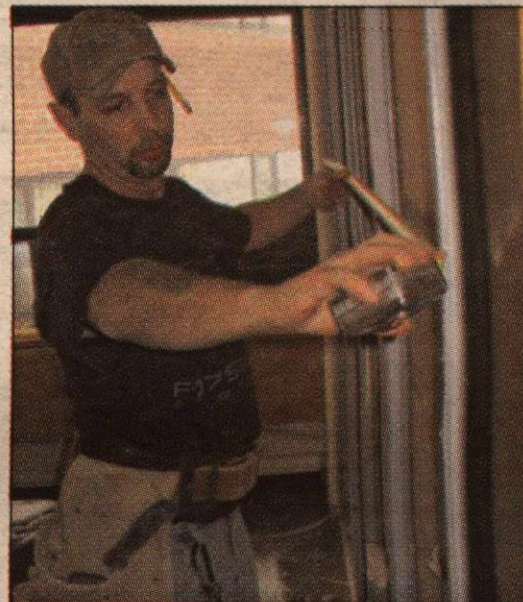
"We met with the student responsible for the incident, and the students that were there," Weiske said.

The students were briefed on how their property would be recovered, and where their temporary residence would be.

"Our main concern is how to accommodate the students who have to deal with this situation," Weiske said. "The action of one student affects the outcome for many more."

The news isn't all bad for the displaced residents, however. While two students were relocated to Junction Apartments, the rest were given rooms at the Edgewater Resort and Waterpark on London Road, where they will have the luxury of water park access and free continental breakfast, according to hotel staff.

Alongside what may seem to be a well-deserved vacation, the students were allotted \$75 for dining needs, their damaged books and materials were replaced and their computers were fixed without a



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A contractor works on a damaged wall in the Stadium Apartments.

fee.

But Weiske is not concerned with cost; he wants the students to return to their apartments as soon as possible.

"We hope to get the students back to their apartments within two weeks, but that all depends on what needs to be fixed," he said.

Access to financial aid remains strong in midst of recession

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Despite dire predictions of tough economic times ahead, the future is still uncertain for students worried about the economy's effect on financial aid.

According to Sharon Witherspoon, the supervisor of the Student Support Services Association, so far the financial aid office has not felt the recession's direct impacts on the amount of loans and grants being awarded to students. She added that the economy's full effect will not be known until they have finished packaging the financial aid awards for students in July.

"Right now, we have not noticed any fewer grants available for students," Witherspoon said, "but as for

the future, the reduction of them is still unknown."

Despite the uncertain future, Witherspoon said affording tuition costs for most students is definitely going to become more challenging. As the months progress and an increase is being seen in things like housing foreclosures and job layoffs, more and more parents are unable to co-sign college loans.

"I think difficult days are ahead," Witherspoon said.

But for fourth-year student Allison Tange, she has yet to feel the economic strain. Her parents have been able to co-sign her loans and so far she hasn't had any trouble keeping up.

"I've been lucky," she said. "I'm worried about it, but I haven't been affected yet."

But Tange said the possibility of

tuition becoming more difficult to afford is definitely becoming more real, and she's not sure what will happen if it does.

"I don't have any savings," Tange said. "It's difficult to save up when you live paycheck to paycheck."

Despite all of the concern, for now, everything is remaining consistent. According to the Office of Financial Aid and Registrar, the amount of loans being awarded have remained constant since last year. Also, the records from Jan. 1, 2008 to Jan. 1, 2009 show that there has actually been a 3.6 percent increase in the amount of grants being awarded to students. And as part of the stimulus plan, Witherspoon added, the amount of money given through the PELL grant will be increasing.

Things are even more optimistic for

students concerned with the economic impact of scholarship aid. Because of the fact that most scholarships are funded through private donors, they have not been hit as hard.

"We feel very fortunate," said Diane Skomars, the director of UMD's Office of Development. "We are working very diligently with our donors, and so far no one has backed off from their support."

But for students feeling the pressure of future tuition costs, Witherspoon encourages students to come and talk with the counselors at Student Support Services Association over any concerns they might be having.

"All students should come in and see a counselor," Witherspoon said. "We will always assist them in any way that we can."

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A sold-out Soulja Boy spectacle

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A diverse crowd of 2,640 eager concert-goers gathered outside the Romano gym on Friday. Fans of all ages waited in anticipation for the sold-out Soulja Boy concert to begin.

Soulja Boy made his appearance and played a high-energy show of well-known hits including the song, "Kiss Me Thru The Phone."

"I was skeptical about the concert beforehand, but I'm really glad I chose to come," sophomore Dustee Armstrong said. "It was a great atmosphere, and I think everyone had a lot of fun."

Nate Haugen of the Kirby Program Board (KPB) agreed and deemed the concert a success.

"It was the biggest concert we've ever had at the campus, and we had tons of students and some of the community involved," he said.

Haugen believes the controversial aspect of the concert was well taken care of as the artists decided to perform a "clean concert," after they were informed of the protests taking place.

"That was a huge relief," he said.

A legal 25-feet away from the entrance stood six protesters holding signs in bold block letters stating, "I do not support sexism," "Can I have my money back?" and "Hate speech is not free speech."

UMD junior and protest organizer Arielle Schnur said Soulja Boy's lyrics support sexism and misogyny—neither of which, she believes, is conducive for an institute of higher education.

Others stood in protest of what they believed to be the injustice Soulja Boy brings to hip-hop culture.

"I'm standing here because I don't believe in what [Soulja Boy] does," sophomore Gabe Fall said. "He doesn't follow the hip-hop philosophy that I believe in, which is to be always positive and raise attention to issues in the world."

According to Schnur, the real issue lies in the fact that student's service fees funded the concert.

"I would be fine with this concert if I wasn't personally funding

it, when it creates a hostile environment that I don't want to support," Schnur said.

The protesters predicted mixed reactions and awaited criticism from passing concert-goers.

"This kind of hostility was expected," said one protester as people yelled from across the street. "As long as we're not getting things thrown at us, we'll be okay."

Concert-goers met the group with varied emotions. Many expressed confusion by the display. Parent chaperones found themselves having to explain the controversial issues of the concert to their young children, while waiting in line.

"It's almost enough to take the fun right out of it," said Sherri Kisinon, the mother of a 12-year-old attending the concert. "As long as the kids aren't repeating the words, there is no harm in listening."

Others felt they had to justify their reasons for attending the concert. Besides simply being fans of the hip-hop artist, the fact that the show was local, affordable and featured such a recognizably popular artist were a few of the explanations offered.

Many concert-goers agreed, saying that the protesters could have simply stayed home if they had a problem with the lyrics and message of the music.

Though the majority of the group responded negatively, there were some who met the protests with curiosity and intrigue, open to hearing the argument.

"The protesters didn't change my decision to come to the concert, but I am interested in what they have to say. People have a right to free speech," junior Stephanie Willis said.

The protesters' main objective was to be heard and to practice their rights by standing up for their beliefs on the matter. In this regard, Schnur said she considers their efforts successful in achieving the goal.

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A crowd of 2,640 people eagerly wait for Soulja Boy to get on stage Friday night.

After the protest, an intimate concert

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In stark contrast to the scene at the Romano gym, where Soulja Boy was performing top 10 hits to a tightly packed audience, around 60 people assembled at the Kirby Lounge on Friday, April 3, for a much more intimate concert made up almost entirely of little-known local bands.

The concert was set up by UMD junior Arielle Schnur in response to Soulja Boy's appearance on campus.

"Made sense that a counter-concert needed to happen," Chris Bruhn, from The Real McCoys, said.

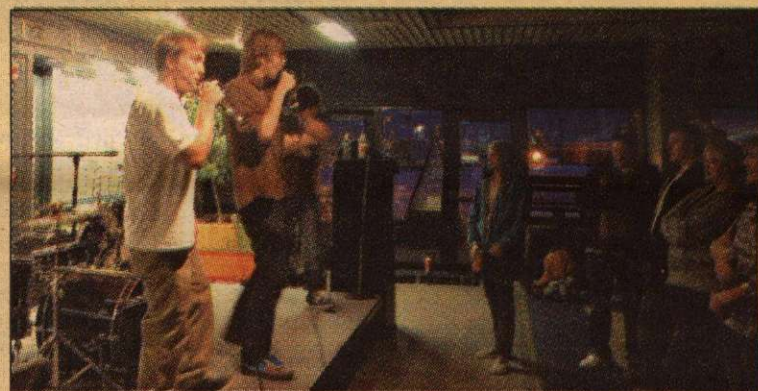
Schnur was the mind and the driving force behind the protest and concert on Friday. Over and over again she would burst out, "I'm so excited this is really happening."

With feet tapping and finger-nail biting, many band members seemed a bit nervous before the show. Many of these groups were newcomers to the stage—only having played for open-mic nights or one or two previous concerts.

However, there was also Rachael Kilgour, who makes a living as a professional musician.

Experienced or not, the bands mingled together, helping with set up, giving opinions on sounds and sharing their excitement.

The concert was an eclectic mix



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A small crowd enjoys the counter-concert.

of hip-hop, country and alternative music. Six bands were scheduled for the night, but in the end, four took the stage. First up was Rhymes Anonymous. They were followed by Rachael Kilgour, Wake up Columbus and The Real McCoys.

Some of the bands even went as far as changing their sets slightly for the protest concert. Wake Up Columbus lead singer Ariane Norrgard wrote a rap just for the event.

"I feel when you protest something you draw more attention to it," Norrgard said.

Also, Kilgour did a cover of Dolly Parton's "Touch Your Woman." She believed though the song is about sex, it also promotes love and respect of women.

Even though this concert was in protest of Soulja Boy's concert,

most of the musicians were down for the gig. They said that they jumped at the opportunity to play whether or not it had anything to do with protesting.

"If it's not something I like, I'm not going to listen to it. He can rap about what he wants to rap about," Rhymes Anonymous Mike Ward said.

Kilgour is one of the few who had never listened to Soulja Boy before. She had heard about what his lyrics promoted for others and wanted to perform at the counter-concert because of them.

As the lights dimmed and the first band was introduced, the crowd went quiet. It seemed fitting that Rhymes Anonymous, a hip-hop group, started off the protest concert.

Taking the classroom to the community

Last semester about 1,200 UMD students volunteered around the Twin Ports

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The chattering of countless children can be heard piercing the sterile atmosphere of the milk-white halls at Nettleton Elementary School. Inside the classrooms, however, is a very different scene.

Seven volunteers and staff sit in a circle with 10 small children on the floor of room 328. Knee-high tables are pushed to the flanks of the group and adorned with discarded milk cartons, the remnants of an afterschool snack.

Playful banter continues as Jacob Croke, a UMD student volunteer, stands up to start his lesson.

"Clap twice if you can hear me," Croke says. A chorus of claps follows, and he has their attention, at least for the time being.

Croke is one of a growing number of students volunteering in the community through the Service Learning Project offered by UMD's Office of Civic Engagement (OCE). Service learning allows UMD professors to send their students to volunteer sites where they gain real-world experience as part of course requirements.

The interim director of the OCE, Nelle Rhicard, said students like Croke are sent to sites that fit the purposes of the class, as well as the student's major.

"It's kind of like the community is the lab," she said.

Rhicard said that last semester there were about 1,200 student volunteers at a multitude of locations around Duluth.

On average, Rhicard said, the number of volunteers has been increasing by about 100 students per year. According to the OCE Web page, 1,751 students volunteered last year.

Rhicard estimated that 95 percent of the students volunteering are doing so through the Service Learning Program.

Croke is at Nettleton to fulfill required service-learning hours for his Recreational Programming class at UMD, but he also has the unique situation of working as a regular staff member for the afterschool program.

"I enjoy the kids, and a lot of times they have questions that they maybe can't ask full-grown adults, but maybe they can ask us," he said.

Croke said that he gets a lot from his experiences at the program, such as a better understanding of child behavior. He also added that he learned some great gym



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Andrew Sarles gives students a lesson on playground safety, while he tutors at Nettleton Elementary School.

games.

"It's a much needed program," he said. "Everyone wins with it."

Nettleton is one location where students from Brenda Butterfield's Developmental Psychology class can volunteer for their 18 to 20 hours of required service learning.

"I think it is really a wonderful opportunity for students at the university level to apply what they're learning in class in the real-world setting," Butterfield said.

Butterfield has been using service learning as part of her classes for three years now. She even established a volunteer program in Birmingham, England, when she went with UMD students studying abroad.

Deeper learning, connecting academic studies with the real world and making a difference are the three things she wants students to focus on during their service learning.

"It is so integral to the way I teach the class that you have to do the Service Learning Project in order to do well on the in-class assignments," she said.

According to Rhicard, it's becoming integral to more and more classes here at UMD.

"The university as a whole is really putting more emphasis and focus on this," she said. "They're wanting to increase the percentage of students who engage with the greater community by the time they graduate."

While other departments are making cutbacks, the OCE will be hiring a full-time director for next year, Rhicard said, but the majority of the office staff is still

AmeriCorps volunteers. She said that the program's growth makes the new director position necessary.

Croke is continuing his work at Nettleton despite the growth of service learning. He said he enjoys the time he works with kids, made apparent by the four days a week with the after-school program.

As part of his curriculum he asks the class to draw pictures of their favorite playground activity. Several minutes later when each student holds up crude marker drawings on red paper, they talk about the dangers of some of the activities.

"Now we're going to go down to the gym and play some gym games," Croke said. "Cause little kids need to run around."

The class then proceeded down the hall, chattering along the way, and went to the gym, where, thanks to Croke, they learned something and played a little bit safer.

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Lifetime Duluthian and businessman Manley Goldfine dead at 80

Manley Goldfine, known to friends and family as "Monnie," passed away on April 1, 2009 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Goldfine, who along with the Goldfine family provided the endowment for UMD's Goldfine Hall, was a lifelong Duluthian, who throughout his business career actively promoted Duluth as a tourist attraction. He was the managing partner of four Duluth hotels and the Vista Fleet. In 1997, Goldfine and his brother Erwin received lifetime honors from the UMD Center for Economic Development.

Games Gavrilova played in don't count, says NCAA

UMD announced on Tuesday, March 31, that the NCAA and UMD had concluded its by-law investigation in the case of former women's hockey student athlete Iya Gavrilova, who having previously competed on professional teams in her home country of Russia, was ineligible to play in NCAA college hockey. Under the agreed upon actions, UMD will "vacate" all regular season games in which Gavrilova played, "implement a revised procedure to evaluate eligibility of all prospective student athletes," and declare Gavrilova permanently ineligible, according to a UMD press release. In the 2007-2008 season, then freshman Gavrilova was one of the top point-getters on the team, with a total of 19 goals and 22 assists.

UMD faculty member receives prestigious award

Elaine Hansen, director of UMD's Center for Economic Development, was named Women in Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Minnesota District Office, UMD announced last Thursday. Along with a friend, Hansen created the Professional Women's Network in 1992, an organization developed to increase opportunities for networking among women in the Duluth area. Currently, monthly meetings of the all-volunteer organization attract over 50 women, and Hansen has retained her ties, serving as the chair and treasurer for the past eight years, according to a UMD press release.

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The Great Lakes Aquarium.

Bill introduced to transfer Duluth Aquarium to UMD

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One of Duluth's most popular tourist attractions may soon be operated by UMD. State Representative Roger Reinert has recently proposed a bill that would make UMD the new owner of the Great Lakes Aquarium.

"There have been issues with the aquarium since it [has] been built," Reinert said. "They estimated the revenue too high."

Although the aquarium brings in roughly 115,000 tourists each year, it has established a debt for the city of nearly \$1.5 million. In a complementary bill, transferring the ownership of the aquarium would take away that debt.

"It's not like if the aquarium closed tomorrow, they would owe Duluth that money," Reinert said. "When a child in high school wants to buy a car, their mom and dad have to co-sign the loan. In this case, the city is the co-signer."

Reinert said that while UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin hasn't okayed the proposition yet, she is taking the precautionary steps to letting it pass. If the bills go through, he said, the aquarium would be used primarily for fresh-

water teaching and research. This would apply not only to biology students, but teachers in education as well. Since many of the annual tourists are K-12 children, UMD education majors would greatly benefit from this proposal, Reinert said.

But how much would really have to change?

When Reinert first suggested that UMD take over, he intended that the aquarium still be used for tourism revenue. If that remains the case, some renovations would have to be done to keep the building within the code standards for both the city and the school, which Reinert says is almost as much work as constructing a brand new building, though less expensive.

While the economy is bleak, Reinert remains hopeful. The aquarium is a popular attraction for the city, and many visitors and citizens would be sad to see it go. Handing ownership over to UMD would be the best solution, he said.

"Who else in the community has similar interests in freshwater teaching and research?" Reinert asked. "UMD comes to the top of that list."

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Missing UMD student returns unharmed

Friends reported her missing after they could not make contact with her

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A female UMD student was reported missing early Sunday morning after leaving her Oakland B apartment the night before with two males she had just met, according to Sgt. Tim LeGarde.

LeGarde said three female UMD students met two non-UMD males at a gas station on Central Entrance. The girls had a short conversation

with the males before they left to go back to UMD.

When the female students arrived back at their apartment, the student, who later went missing, started text messaging the males and arranged for them to come pick her up, according to LeGarde.

LeGarde said after being advised by her friends to not go with the two males, she decided to go with them anyway.

Her friends didn't hear from her

and could not reach her through her cell phone, according to LeGarde. She finally contacted her friends around 5 a.m. through a text message saying she needed help. The text message led her friends to call 911 around 10 a.m., LeGarde said.

University police immediately started an investigation, according to LeGarde. The girl was also reported missing through a state-wide missing person notification system.

At 2:30 p.m. the missing female called her friends to let them know she was safe and on her way home, LeGarde said.

According to LeGarde, the males took her up the North Shore to a cabin. No victimization took place and there are no grounds for the males to be charged with any offense.

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Fundraiser was more than just a good meal

The Empty Bowl fundraiser brings income for a local food bank with community action and art

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The Second Harvest Northern Food Bank put on the annual Empty Bowl fundraiser last week at the Duluth Depot.

Empty Bowl has proven to be a success every year, but the snowstorm that hit the Midwest last Tuesday dropped this year's proceeds by about \$1,000, according to Empty Bowl organizers.

The fundraiser is an important source of income for Second Harvest, which distributes food to the region's food shelves and soup kitchens.

Sarah Bourcy, the volunteer coordinator from Second Harvest, said that both the snowstorm that came on Tuesday and the economy played a part in the decline.

"But it's hard to know which had most of the effect," Bourcy said.

Empty Bowl is a community-supported fundraiser. Volunteers from around Duluth worked at the event, and the proceeds came from handmade bowls that were donated by local artists and schools in the community.

Here's how it works:

Local artists, schools and community members make and donate bowls for the event, which are put on display for participants to admire and purchase.

Supporters can pay \$15 to enjoy a hot meal, provided by local restaurants, and take home a handcrafted bowl of their choice.

The hundreds of bowls on display differed in mastery and theme. There were bowls made by elementary school students, brightly colored and often misshapen, to professional-looking bowls, some designed by the UMD Mud Guild, which helps out with Empty Bowl every year.

UMD Mud Guild President, Alicia Weagel, said the guild donated about 70 bowls this year, but wanted to donate more.

"We actually made many more," Weagel said. "It takes longer to glaze them than to make them, and we just didn't have enough hands."

Almost all of the bowls donated by the guild were sold by noon, just a couple of hours into the event.

For the second year in a row, community members also had the chance to purchase exclusive bowls created by local artists the night before the event at the Sea of Bowls.

Options at the Sea of Bowls included hand-blown glass bowls by local artist, Jes Dufree, and pottery bowls by artist, Dick Cooter, with prices ranging from \$20 to \$100.

All aspects of the fundraiser were successful, but hardships from the economy hindered sales for many community members.



Patrons enjoy a meal at the 15th annual Empty Bowl fundraiser.

"I can only look," said Kathleen Halvorson, a community member admiring the intricate bowls on sale.

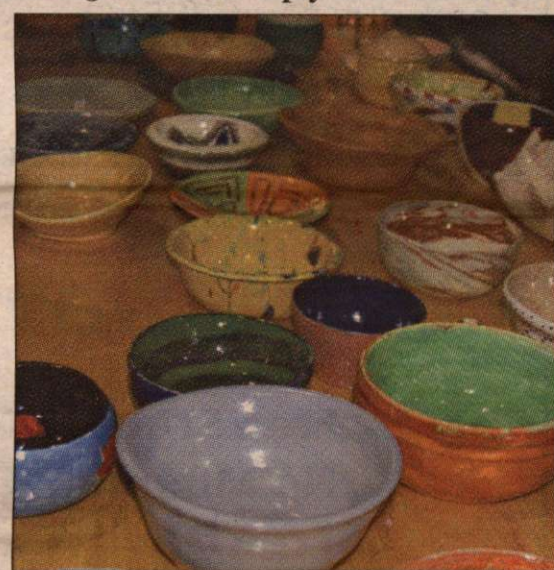
Halvorson and her husband said they didn't have extra money to spend on art, but wished they could have purchased one of the pieces.

Other locals helped in any way they could. Volunteers served food, set up tables and sold tickets. Area restaurants and grocery stores, including Bulldog Pizza, Grandma's Restaurants, Sara's Table, the New Scenic Cafe and Super One Foods, donated food and supplies.

"This is my second year doing this, and I absolutely love it," said Kandice Gulbranson, a volunteer from the Duluth Lion's Club.

Second Harvest couldn't have put this on without the help from the community, who donated time and goods.

Second Harvest's motto reads, "This is not a bowl ... it's a promise to end hunger," and this event brought this goal one step closer.



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Decorative bowls were sold at the fundraiser with the profits going to Second Harvest Northern Food Bank.

Internships and May term offer other learning venues

BY ASHLEY GOEDKER
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As the end of the semester winds down, students and faculty are getting ready for summer to take off with summer classes, internships and going back to work in their hometowns and in the surrounding Duluth area.

The campus is buzzing with activity and just as one semester is ending, registration

for another begins.

Currently, there are 1,430 students enrolled in the summer and May sessions combined, said Lynn Burbank, director of Credit and Noncredit programs for the Office of Continuing Education at UMD.

Last year there were a total of 2,484 students enrolled in the programs and Burbank anticipates even more for this year.

The students that register for the sessions are a mix of UMD students and visiting sum-

mer students. These are students from other colleges that are home for the summer and people from the community, Burbank said.

"A person needs to take into account how they would like to spend their summer, and then to think, 'Okay, where am I academically?'" Burbank said. She also said students really need to contemplate their plans before enrolling in the sessions.

A survey done by the Continuing Education office showed top reasons why students

choose to do summers sessions.

"They can take courses that are required for which they haven't had the opportunity during the year, either for scheduling conflicts with their personal life or other courses," Burbank said.

Burbank also noted other reasons were that students would like to try other things that have nothing to do with their major or minor and to stay on track for graduation.

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BY ALICIA LEBENS
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I've baked up a fresh batch of this week's celebrity gossip. Get it while it's hot!

Fresh from his new special on Comedy Central titled, "King Baby," comedian, Jim Gaffigan, will be in Duluth at the DECC Auditorium on April 16 for a night of hilarious stand-up. It is my great honor to feature a Question and Answer session with this comedic legend in next week's issue of Hollywood and Vine.

Do you think you have a great question to ask? Please send me your questions or comments for Jim by Friday, April 10, to be included in my interview.

According to Entertainment Weekly, it has been announced that former Beatle, George Harrison, will be given a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Beatles guitarist died in 2001 from cancer at the age of 58 and is best known for writing the bands beloved songs, "Here Comes the Sun" and "Something."

His widow, Olivia Harrison, and his son, Dhani, are expected to be on hand to commemorate this wonderful musician at the April 14 unveiling in Hollywood.

Actor Johnny Depp was seen hard at work last week on location

in Puerto Rico for his next project called "The Rum Diary," based on a Hunter S. Thompson novel.

According to PerezHilton.com, Depp stars as a "journalist who leaves New York to work for a newspaper in San Juan, Puerto Rico, set in the 1950s." This is the second novel by Thompson that has been adapted for film starring Johnny Depp. The first was 1998's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Madonna has made her way back to Malawi, the birthplace of her adopted son, David Banda, to finalize the adoption of a baby girl named Mercy.

But, the Malawian officials are giving no mercy to this pop star. According to The Huffington Post, Madonna is having a lot of difficulty with the courts now that she is a single mother. Adoption laws also state that prospective parents must live in the country for up to a year to judge the child's welfare, a rule that was bent with David's adoption in 2006.

The Queen of Pop left the African country empty handed on April 5, to return to London to be with her other children: Lourdes, 12, and Rocco, 8. No court date has been set to appeal the case. Maybe the Jolie-Pitts could give her some adoption advice?

See you next week with Gaffigan from Hollywood and Vine.

COMMENCEMENT

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

Guest tickets will be required at the May 16, 2009 Bachelor's Degree commencement ceremony at the DECC. Students who have satisfied all of the requirements can pick up their commencement tickets at UMD Stores, Express from April 6-April 24.

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"It's also a good time for faculty and departments to pilot new courses or to offer a course to a more targeted group of learners," Burbank said.

Many students will also be looking to home for summer jobs or internships.

"I got a job as a nanny, and it will be nice not to have to pay rent," said junior Chelsea Volkner, who is majoring in psychology. She is planning to go home to the Twin Cities to work for the summer.

"I am hoping to start looking into internships to see what's available," she said.

Students Tamara Miskovic and Rachel Sawyer are both preparing to graduate from UMD with a masters degree in Social Work and both are doing internships now.

Miskovic is currently doing an internship at East Hillside Patch,

where she works on grant writing, community organization and assessment of hillside neighborhoods.

"It's a good connection between theory and practice," Miskovic said. "You learn how to educate, you learn how to network and how to cooperate with others."

Sawyer is currently doing an internship with Community Action Duluth where she focuses on ending poverty, financial education and building relationships.

"There are a lot of cool programs out there that completely move people out of poverty," Sawyer said. "The internship has been great."

Internships and May terms are offering a venue for alternative learning as more and more students are looking to round out their academic careers.

"It's a great term; it's a great opportunity to advance [the student's] academic and degree status, and to get closer and closer to that diploma," Burbank said.

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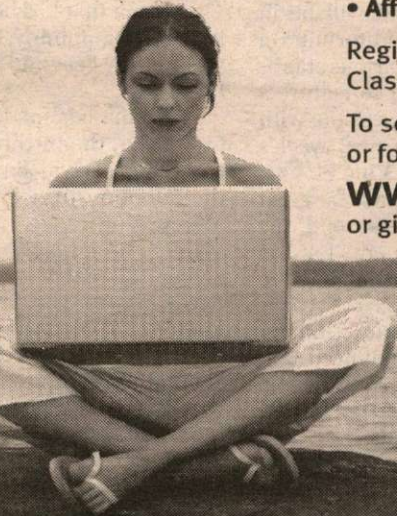
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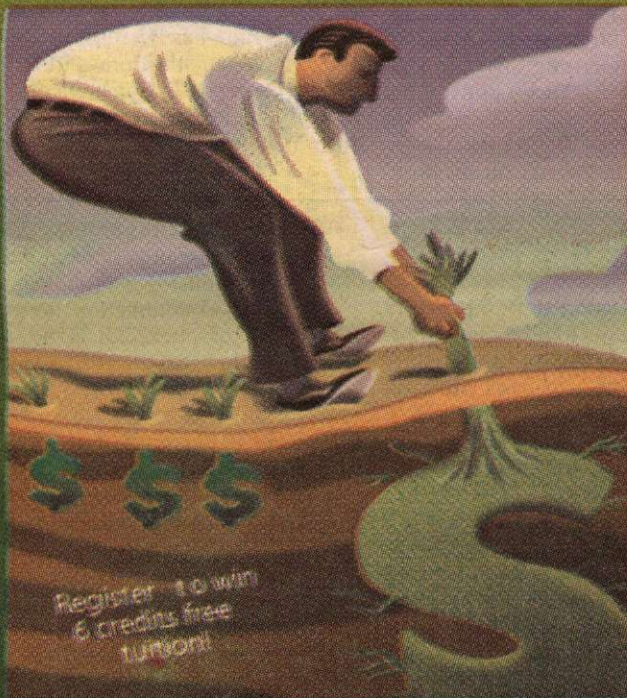


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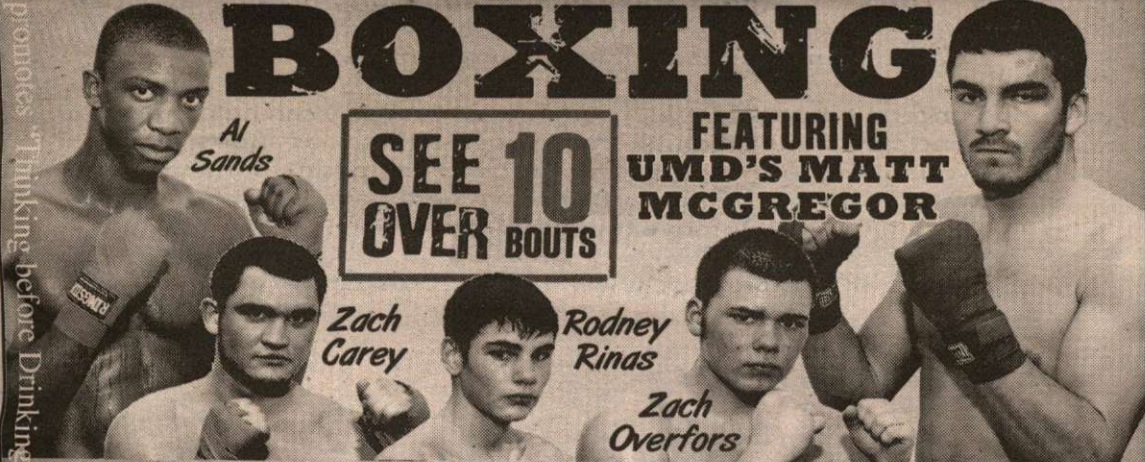


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OUR VOICE: For our protection?

Two days. Two mass slayings. Two men armed with weapons built specifically for assault. One man carrying two semi-automatic pistols, the other an AK-47 assault rifle.

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The NRA and pro-firearm enthusiasts love to defend their gun ownership by claiming their right to self-defense. They love to hide behind a wholly dated Second Amendment, of which the original purpose has become so warped and perverted the Founding Fathers would likely cringe at the way gun lunatics have used it as a façade to protect their dangerous ideas.

After all, guns don't kill people, people do. Right?

Now, granted, not all pro-gun lobbyists are murderers. And, to say that people who enjoy hunting shouldn't be allowed to pursue their pastime is unfair. Hunting rifles designed specifically for the purpose of hunting wildlife should be allowed, if properly sanctioned.

There is, however, no reason to expand the types of weapons allowed to non-military or non-law enforcement officials. Handguns and automatic weapons serve no rational purpose in the everyday world.

Are you really comfortable with passing a stranger on the street who, unbeknownst to you, may be carrying one of these weapons? A person, who, should they choose to exercise their power, has your life sitting in their pocket or purse?

There is a reason the United States has one of the highest rates of gun-related fatalities in the world, and that reason is our negligent laws on gun control.

In Texas, the gun enthusiasts have gotten so out of hand they are introducing a legislative bill that would allow concealed firearms on college campuses. This is insanity. Should this law pass, and other states to follow suit, it would set a dangerous and chaotic precedence.

These types of laws don't prevent Virginia Tech-like tragedies; they enable them.

They force us all to live in a world of fear. They force us to wonder if the stranger on the bus is "packing heat." They force trepidation and unease.

They have no place in society.

You know what? The NRA is right that guns don't kill people. The dangerous ideas of pro-gun lobbyists do.

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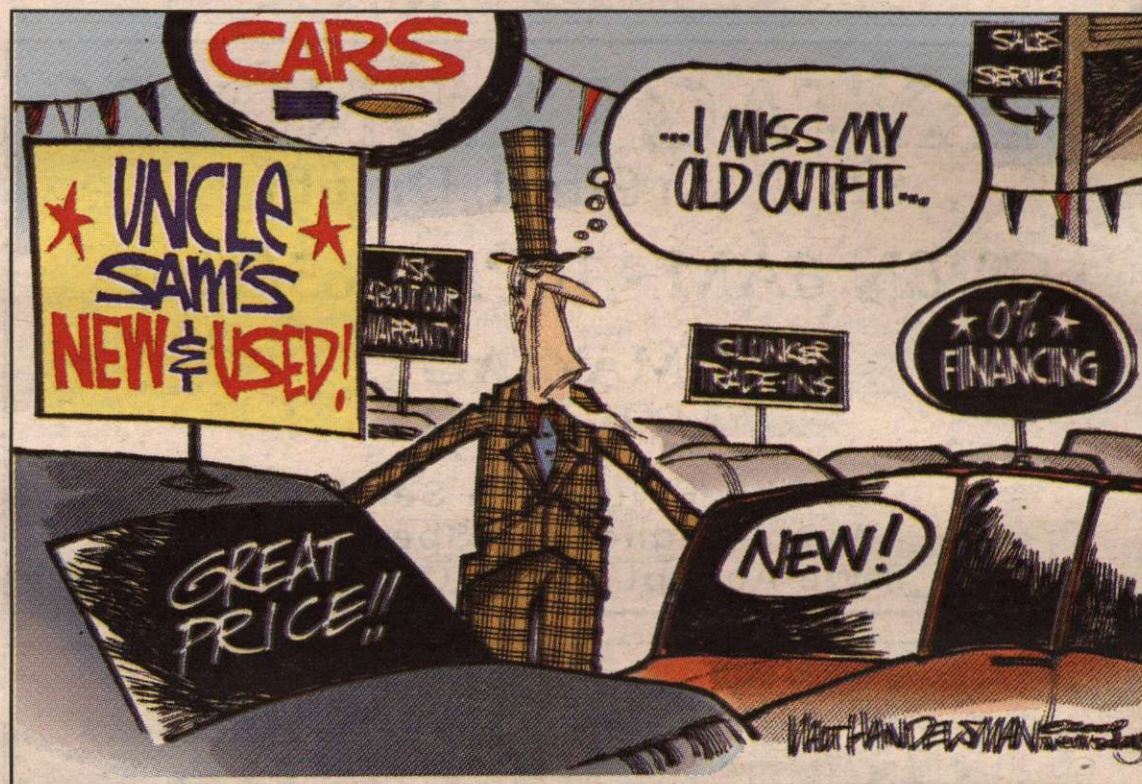
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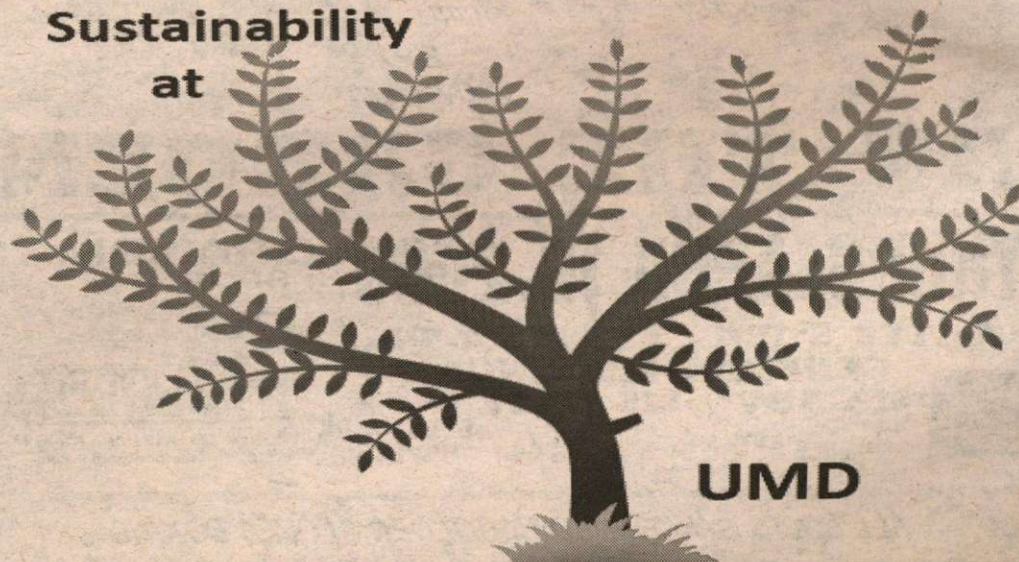
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Opinion

U.S. should be direct with Iran in talks

BY AUSTIN BOWYER
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Under President Barack Obama's leadership, U.S. foreign relations with the Iranian government have taken a new shift. America's president of only four months has already sent a video to Tehran stating that the U.S. wants "engagement that is honest and grounded in mutual respect," according to BBC's March 24 article, "Insight: how do you dissuade Iran." Diplomats fill the media circuits with the rhetoric of a renewed stance as aimed at integrating Iran into the international scene.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has "urged Tehran to play a positive role in helping stabilize its neighbor (Afghanistan)," according to CNN's March 30 article, "Clinton doesn't rule out Iran talks at Afghanistan conference." There is a call to open dialogue between the two, but it has yet to be conducted. Iran has denied that a perchance meeting between an Iranian representative, Mohammad Akhondzadeh, and a U.S. official, Richard Holbrooke, occurred on the sidelines of the Afghanistan conference, despite Clinton's claim, according to BBC's April 1 article, "Iran denies U.S. claims of meeting."

Although the U.S. attempts to open relations with Iran, it is still guided by Obama's inaugural policy that Iran should "unclench its fist," which has been tightly gripping their fervor for a nuclear program. Obama had stated that he would not tolerate an Iranian nuclear program capable of weapon armament. The sanctions against Iran were extended a few weeks ago as part of our pressure for them to cease their nuclear ambitions, which is rooted in their desire to be recognized as a super power.

All this seems to be sending mixed signals to Tehran as to the intentions of the U.S. The renewed sanctions might be why the Iranians are reluctant to admit the informal encounter at the Afghanistan

conference. Also, Iranians view the pressure on their nuclear program as western bias, claiming hypocrisy in the world's nuclear watch dog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has ignored the progression of Israel's nuclear capabilities. As unemployment and inflation rise in Iran as a result of the sanctions, it is tough for Iran to not see American attempts at dialogue as anything but hypocritical.

I believe the Americans' stance on Iran is fairly justified in its coupling of sanctions and invitations to play a role in international diplomacy, but needs to formally state its intentions. Clinton needs to distinguish between the two lines of foreign relations and the reasons they have occurred. Inform the world, especially the U.S. and Iran, that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) centric sanctions are the multilateral condemnation of Iran's unchecked and unregulated nuclear ambitions, which Iran feels it needs in order to solidify its power status, and its funding of terrorist organizations like Hezbollah. America's invitations to Iran to aid in the reconstruction and stabilization of Afghanistan are a call for Tehran to use its regional power in a diplomatic fashion.

The invitation to the conference formalizes Iranians' influence on the world stage. Hopefully, as a result, the old foreign tactics of Iran will lessen, and their formal and legal foreign relations will increase with its growing presence at global conferences. However, Iran can probably sense that its invitation to the conference is still the result of American dominance in international affairs, which may result in an Iranian regression to its old foreign-policy tactics.

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Ten pairs of heavy boots trudged through the mud and crunched through the snow in search of the perfect tree with flowing, sweet sap. One pair of feet belonged to Mareena Ribich, a 10-year-old looking to share this moment with her father.

"I thought it'd be cool to do it again," she said. "I've done this once before."

Mareena was the youngest, and most experienced in the group. The other nine that were signed up for the once-a-year RSOP "Maple Syruping" class were looking for fun, an adventure and a unique and exquisite learning experience. In this adventure, group members learned about different kinds of trees, which ones to tap, how to tap a tree and even got to taste the sugary, water-like sap.

All 20 feet wandered through the forest, looking for the right kind of tree to tap. The prime tree is a Sugar Maple Tree, most distinguished by its opposite branches with pointed, brown tips. Finding the right tree is hard, but tapping a tree is even harder.

"Tapping a tree isn't easy," said Tim Bates, an instructor on the outdoor trek. Bates explained the different kinds of trees, and how tapping a tree must happen at the right time of the year to get the best outcome. "The last week in March and first week in April is perfect for the sap running up the tree."



A tap drilled into a Maple tree for syrup production.

"Oohs" and "aahs" could be heard through most of the Bagley Nature Area as the first tree was tapped. Sap flowed like water from a faucet, and fingers reached out to taste the clear substance streaming from the tree. Faces were surprised and allured to the sugar water liquid coming from the tree, and couldn't wait to tap their own Sugar Maple Tree.

Mareena and her father found their ideal Sugar Maple Tree, and got their utensils all ready. As a team, they followed their instructions for a successful tap. After cleaning out the hole in their tree, they waited in anticipation for a few seconds.

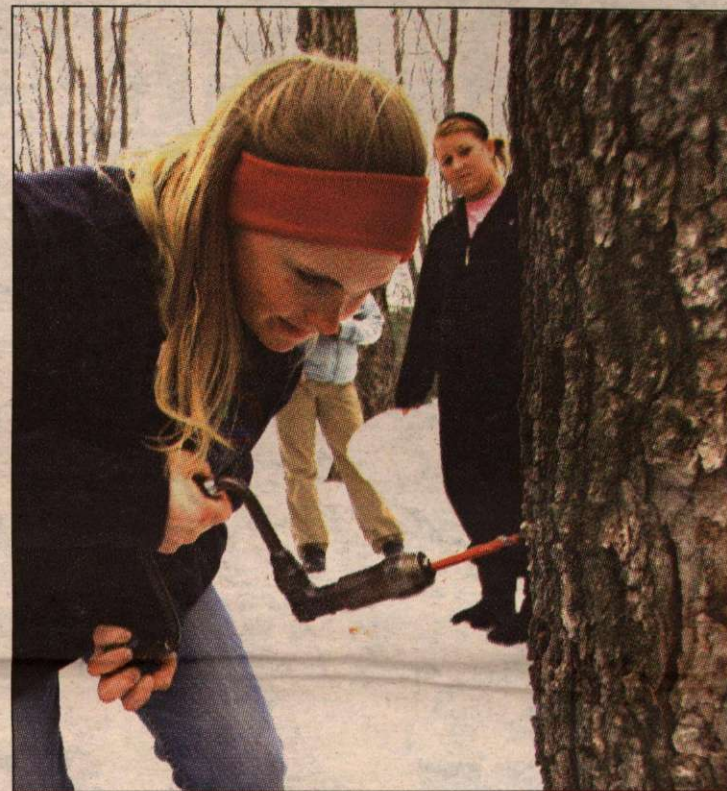
"Whoa, daddy, look at it!" Mareena exclaimed. Sap began curving through the tree's bark, heading to its roots. Mareena's father, David, looked at his daughter with excitement and pride.

After each pair finished tapping their own tree, the group gathered for some unexpected treats. Refreshing cups of fresh, sweet sap poured into the mouths of the group members in an attempt to quench their thirst.

Finally, the ultimate taste test came. It takes days and a lot of hard work to get to the finished product of that

beautiful, brown, maple syrup. Everyone tasted fresh, homemade maple syrup and all could agree it surpasses Aunt Jemima with flying colors. As the trek came to its end, everyone chattered about how much they learned.

"I've done this for four years," said Josie Thole, the Sugarbush coordinator for the RSOP. "I think I've learned something new every year."



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Senior Josie Thole drills into a Maple tree to extract its sap during an RSOP event in Bagley Nature Area.

UMD alum carries one man's legacy to campus

BY DAVID COWARDIN

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It was a heartwarming, inspirational story. Last Friday, UMD alum and Colorado State Professor Kurt Fausch came to campus to speak to biology students. In conjunction with his seminar, Fausch brought with him the documentary video, "RiverWebs," to play in the Kirby Lounge. Nearly 44 million people have viewed "RiverWebs" on PBS over the past two years.

"This film is for the lay audience," he said, "that's what it was intended for, to draw people in with that human story and then try to teach them about streams and conservation."

The documentary was centered on Shigeru Nakano, a Japanese man who revolutionized our understanding of stream ecosystems.

In 2000, Nakano's research vessel cap-

sized in the Sea of Cortez. According to a life biography of Nakano written by Fausch himself, survivors of the tragedy reported that Nakano sacrificed his own life preserver to one of his colleagues who could not swim, and pulled others out of the torrent swells.

"I know from personal experiences, during grueling field work in the mountains of Japan and Montana, that he would never have left his friends to swim to the nearest island more than a kilometer away and save himself," Fausch said, in his life biography on Nakano.

On that day, March 27, Nakano's body was placed in the hands of Mother Nature, the same hands he devoted his 37 years of life studying and dissecting. To this day, his body has yet to surface; maybe it was nature's way of saying how much it appreciated his work and understanding.

Nakano started his research with a wet

suit, snorkel, a pad of paper and a pen. He was born in 1962 and raised in Kamioka, a small town in central Japan. There, he began his love for streams by snorkeling for hours on end, examining anything and everything he could lay his eyes on, and then recording his observations. His passion as a child led him to earn his M.S. degree in 1987 at Mie University, located in south central Japan.

At the height of his career, Nakano made breaking research in the study of streams and forests, and how they sustain each other by cohabiting. Also, he studied extensively the behaviors of the whitespotted charr, Dolly Varden and Masu salmon. This research is what brought him into contact with Fausch in 1988 at a symposium on charrs and Masu Salmon in Sapporo, Hokkaido. Fausch and Nakano then worked side-by-side researching the food webs of stream systems.

After Nakano's death, Fausch said he was

really pulled back, but he continued in his research and carried with him the legacy of a hero. In fact, in 2008, he won the International Fisheries Science Prize, which came with a medal. He then decided to go back to Japan and show Nakano's parents the medal and tell them it was in part a result of his work.

"They didn't know he was so famous," Fausch said.

So will Nakano's story inspire individual motivation in UMD science students? Fausch said he hopes it will. If nothing else, students and anyone who cared to watch the documentary were left with the idea that one person's passion is more than just a drop in a bucket.

"He really started something a lot of people have continued to work on," Fausch said.



On The Horizon

Discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope

What: A review of the Hubble Space Telescope and its revolutionary images.

When: April 15, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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When: April 9, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Where: Bohannon Hall 90.

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DNR license expiration notice

What: 2008 fishing licenses, fish house licenses, trout stamps and fish tags expire.

When: April 30

Fee: Depending on license type, fees can range from \$5 to \$78.

Grant-in-Aid trails closed for the season

What: Snowmobilers must steer clear of grant-in-aid trails. According to the Department of Natural Resources Web site, grant-in-aid trails are those that normally run through private property. The grant-in-aid program is funded through snowmobile registration, snowmobile-state-trail sticker fees and gas taxes.

When: April 1

Earth Day

What: According to the Earth Day Network (EDN), Earth Day marks the anniversary of the environmental movement in 1970, when Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed the first nationwide environmental protest.

When: April 22

Better Neighbors Annual City Cleanup

What: Help clean up trash around the east hillside area of Duluth with the UMD Better Neighbors Program.

When: Saturday, April 18 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Meet at Portland Square (15th Avenue East and 4th Street)

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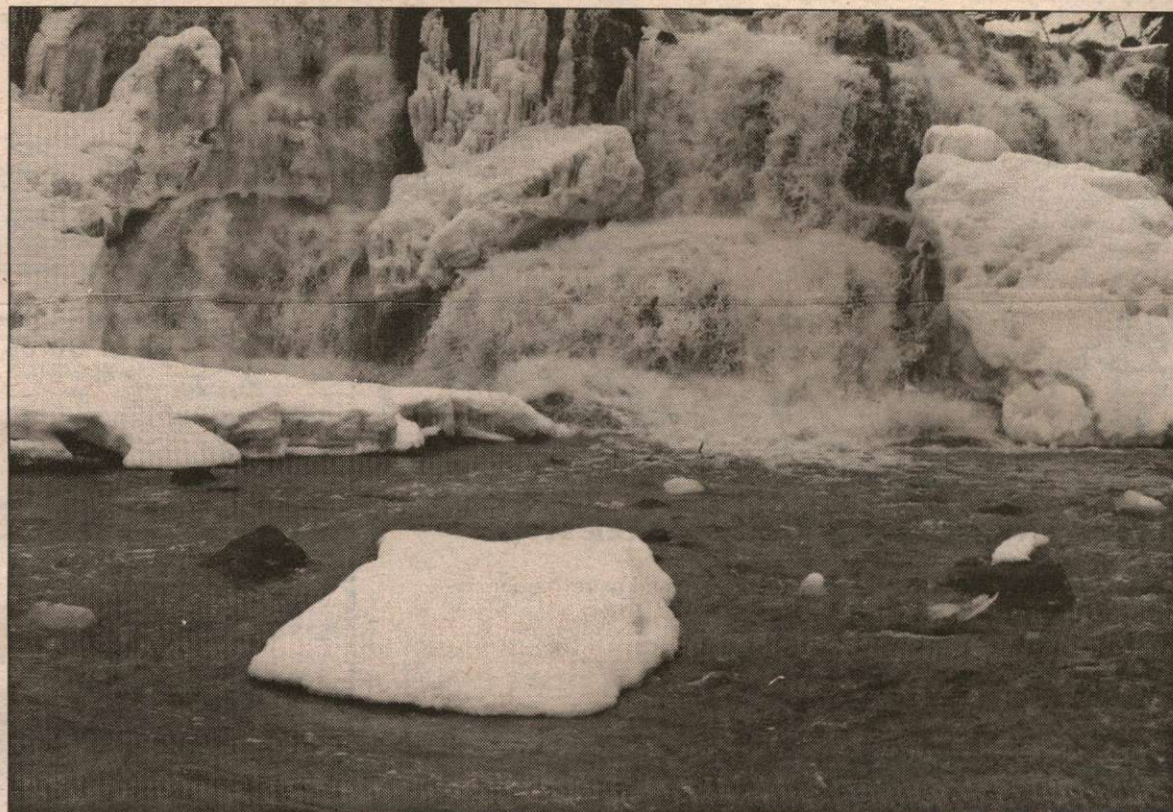
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Gooseberry Falls a beauty in the spring

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The trails were slippery, but that didn't stop people from getting out to see Gooseberry's eye-captivating falls over the weekend.

Wuda Wooooh!, the outdoor club on campus, took a venture to Gooseberry Falls this past weekend to get some fresh air. As they hiked to the different levels of falls, they pointed out how beautiful the scenery was, and was it ever.

Spring water roared as it plunged onto rocks, sending a fine mist in

great plumes toward the hiking trails. Cameras captured happy hikers posing in front of icy falls.

Humans weren't the only ones enjoying the great weekend at Gooseberry. Trees were spotted with songbirds whose chirps, combined with the roaring bass of the falls, made for a great symphony of sound.

While the birds were busy with song, a chipmunk scrounged the ground beneath a birdhouse, stuff-

ing its cheeks faster and faster, as if the supply of food would suddenly disappear with the mist from the falls.

If you haven't made it to Gooseberry, now would be a great time, while giant ice chunks hang precariously over rock ledges, waiting to be pushed over by a rush of water. It's quite the sight, and much more captivating than anything you could find on television.





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Wednesday, April 15th Lee Badgett: A national figure as a "Lesbian Economist" from the Williams College of Law at UCLA and founder of the previously named International Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies Institute, will be speaking in three classes in the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE).

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Winona (26-7, 6-2) carried that momentum over to the second game, jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. The Bulldogs rallied back, cutting the deficit to 5-4, but that wasn't enough and UMD lost 9-5.

Bjelland gave UMD pitchers fits all day, adding 3 more RBIs in Saturday's second game. She batted 4-7 with seven RBIs against the Bulldogs on Saturday.

Heather Stemper gave up six runs in two innings for the loss, falling to 3-6 on the season. Danielson has been a workhorse for the Bulldog pitching staff this year and last weekend was no different. She pitched 16 2/3 innings, giving up six-earned runs while striking out 14.

UMD (13-15, 4-4) plays a couple of conference doubleheaders next weekend at Minnesota State-Mankato and Southwest Minnesota State.

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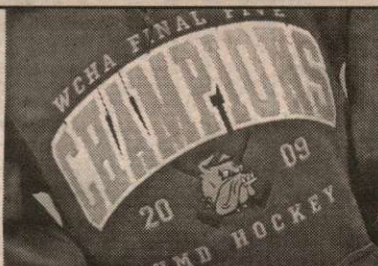
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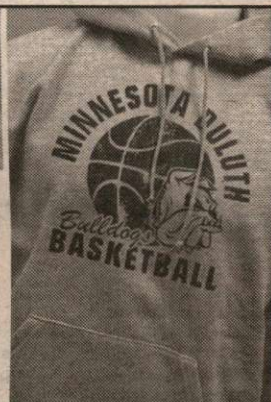
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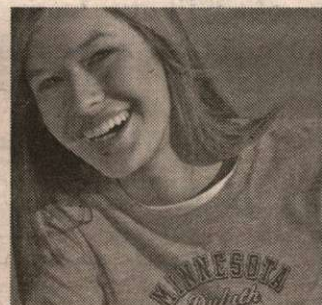
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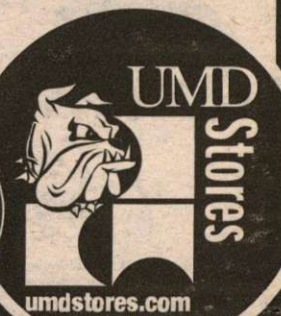
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This was apparent when a costly

error in the bottom of the seventh allowed SCSU to tie the game at five. With two outs and no one on, St. Cloud's Nate Johnson was able to reach on an error, take third on a single and score on a wild pitch, according to the UMD Web site. After this shocking turn of events, UMD went down in order in the top of the eighth and lost in the bottom of the inning when SCSU's Joey Benke singled in the winning run.

UMD was led in the loss by Bryan Denisen and Brian Burman, who

each hit home runs, and Dahlgren who had three hits and two RBIs. Anders Enberg pitched seven strong innings, giving up four-earned runs and striking out nine, while Cole Hytjan picked up the loss without recording an out.

Up next for UMD will be the meat of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference of the schedule, with the Dogs' first home game of the year slated for Friday versus Northern State; field conditions permitting of course.

Despite the fickle nature of the Minnesota weather and the difficulties it creates for fielding a competitive college baseball team in the Northland, Rients refuses to use his team's early season road warrior status as a crutch.

"Everybody deals with weather the same, that's part of living in the Midwest. We can't look at not playing at home as an excuse because nobody around here has really been able to do that much," he said. "It boils down to confidence.

We're working to get better all the time, and if we believe that we are, in fact, better; it will show. With 24 games left on the schedule, there's plenty of time for us to turn this around, and I'm extremely confident that we will."

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Tennis

The women's tennis team looked to revive themselves this weekend as they traveled to St. Cloud, Minn. to face St. Cloud State University Huskies and Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs. On Friday, the Dogs fell to the Huskies 8-1. Saturday was a match against the Mustangs, and the Dogs were able to turn it around and win 5-4.

The team will travel home for a series of games and then return to the road.

Track

Pella, Iowa played host to a meet in which UMD finished first over Northern Iowa and the men finished second to UNI. Freshman Morgan Place took first in the 5000-meter race, senior Liz Palkie won the 800 meter and



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Sophomore Molly Bishop hurdles into water during the Steeplechase event.

fellow senior Kristen Haak won the 100 meter and 200 meter. The 4x800 meter relay team of junior Jodi Degrote and sophomores Carrie Wardell, Rachel Hanzal and Michelle SanCartier

also won their race.

The men's winner was Mike Kramer, with his first place in the Steeplechase with a time of 9:49.01. He was the only event winner for the men's side, with

Eric Atkinson finishing with their only second-place finish.

Next up for the track teams will be a meet at Gustavus on Friday, April 10.

Bulldogs split series with Upper Iowa

SOFTBALL

BY MARK WARNER
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UMD softball continued its NSIC conference play last weekend with doubleheaders against Upper Iowa and Winona State. The Bulldogs managed a 1-1 split versus Upper Iowa and lost both games in Winona.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs, who had their home games against Upper Iowa (12-10, 3-3 in the NSIC), moved to Fayette, Iowa because of the persistent snow still present on UMD's home field. The Bulldogs still officially maintained home team status, however, allowing them

to bat in the bottom half of every inning, and that edge proved critical.

Trailing 2-1 and down to their last out, UMD senior Sonja Muck came through with a clutch RBI double to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. The next at-bat Nicole Gale scored the game-winning run on shortstop Karrie Coon's error to clinch the 3-2 victory for the Dogs.

The game wasn't a pretty one for either side. The two teams combined for seven errors, and UMD mustered only three hits.

Kristen Danielson scattered seven hits in seven innings, striking out nine for the win, ac-

cording to the UMD Web site.

In the nightcap, UMD managed only one run on Casey Moore's second-inning solo homer and lost 2-1. The solo shot was Moore's fifth of the season, tying her with Danielson for the team lead.

Muck led the Bulldogs offensively by batting 2-4, and Heather Stemper picked up the loss, despite allowing only one earned run and six hits in seven innings.

Saturday, UMD traveled to Winona for two games against the ninth-ranked Warriors. In the first game, senior Myriam Trepanier lifted the Bulldogs to

a 2-0 lead on a fourth-inning RBI single. The Warriors answered right back with two runs of their own in the fifth, tying the game 2-2.

The score stayed locked at two until the ninth inning, when Winona sophomore outfielder Mollie Bjelland came through with a two-run RBI single to clinch the 4-2 victory. Bjelland had all four of the Warrior's RBIs in the game, according to the UMD Web site.

Sophomore pitcher Stacey Struzynski went the distance for the Warriors, pitching nine innings and striking out 13.

Rough series for the Dogs

BASEBALL

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Though it may seem hard to believe with piles of snow still everywhere in Duluth: It's baseball season and actually has been for nearly two months. Already 28 games into their regular season schedule, UMD's baseball team currently stands at 9-19, after taking one of four from St. Cloud State University (SCSU) over the weekend.

Coming into the series, the Dogs had dropped 12 consecutive games—a particularly tough stretch in a roller coaster start to the season, according to head coach Bob Rients.

"We did a lot of good things to start the year and went to Florida and started well there too. Then we've just started to kind of play below our ability against some good teams," he said. "Now we know what we need to do to get better and what we'll need to work on to get there."

Although the standings may not indicate as much, UMD did show improvement over the weekend by hanging tight with a very good SCSU team in every game. The Huskies (27-7 overall) only won their three games in the series by a combined seven runs and were blown out by the Dogs in Saturday's first game, 9-3.

Thanks to an early offensive explosion by UMD, St. Cloud had little chance in the first of two games on Saturday. A second-inning home run by Josh Threkeid put the Dogs up by one early, and the floodgates remained wide open in the third. After a double by Will Dahlgren plated two and made the lead three, Tyler Erickson launched a three-run homer that would provide the last runs the Dogs would need. Josh Foreman pitched a complete game and allowed only three runs while striking out seven, according to the UMD Web site.

Unfortunately for UMD, a follow-up victory was not to be had in the last game of the series. Despite playing so well earlier in the day, another heartbreaking loss brought a familiar end to the weekend as the Dogs fell 5-6 in extra innings. Rients said this lack of consistency has been the main hindrance to this team's success.

"As we get further into the conference season, nailing our fundamentals is going to be very big for us. We know the other teams pretty well now, and they're all very good," he said. "For us to be consistent enough to be